

its verdict, yet I do not know whether the Government would be able to take decision in this regard by the 15 August or not.

I would like to tell the leader of the Opposition as well as the Leader of the House that it is very serious matter. We should protect against every move that goes against the image of the country and attempts to erase the symbols of the country.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (Dausa) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, as the Leader of the House is present and as we are discussing the matter which is related to the sensibility of the country, that is celebrating Golden jubilee of its Independence, you are requested to inform the House to whether the statue of Gandhiji would be installed there before the 14th August and what bottleneck the Government is finding in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : Respected Shri Chandra Shekhar had raised this point a week ago just after the session of the House had started and we had assured him that he would be informed of the situation as soon as the Government took action in this regard.....(Interruptions)

That is why I said an immediate decision could be taken on the matter after consulting the Leader of the Opposition and the Hon. Speaker. I would like to assure you that I myself would try to find out whether the assurance about the implementation of the decision has been fulfilled and that the Government would take immediate decision in this regard(Interruptions)

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH (Aonla) : What is being said about breaking of the statues of Gandhiji(Interruptions) Some other statues are being installed by the side(Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) : Mr.

Chairman, Sir, the question which Shri Chandra Shekhar raised, was raised in this House earlier also. We have also written to the Prime Minister about it. Court judgement has also been delivered, therefore, there should not be any further delay in this regard.

There may be some controversy on the matter as to where statue should be put up but it is really very unfortunate for the country if the statue of Mahatma Gandhi is not put up any where in that complex on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of our Independence. Controversies can be resolved. It is very necessary to maintain beauty but there should not be unending discussion on beauty. Sometimes, tough decisions have to be taken and this is the right time to do so. I do not know whether the Prime Minister can take such decision or not. Decisions are not being taken in regard to major issues. They are being postpone but this matter is not so. This matter relates to the feelings of the people and to the Golden Jubilee. There should be no further delay in this regard and a decision should be taken immediately. The statue of Mahatma Gandhi should be put up on such a proper place in that complex which may be acceptable to all.

DR. LAXMINARYAN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : Mr. Chairman Sir, all units of Cement Corporation of India throughout the country are on the verge of closure due to mismanagement of the Corporation. Some of Cement units have already been closed. Similarly, two cement plants situated at Nayagaon a little farther from Neemach in Madhya Pradesh are also closed for a week to lack of power- because they have not paid the arrears of electricity bills to Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board due to which cement units have become unable to function.

In such a situation, I demand from the Government that the Minister of Industry should direct the Cement Corporation of India to ensure the supply of power otherwise thousands of labourers are likely to be rendered unemployed there. Today, labourers are on strike there. Today is the third day of strike. It will be better that the Minister of Industry should intervene in the matter and get the management of Cement Corporation of India set right and warding off the agitation of labourers by accepting their demand before any agitation or law and order problem is created, so that these units could revive. Thank you.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (Ulluberia) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise this question with great sorrow because since 1980, I have been elected for the fifth time to Lok Sabha and I am raising this question also fifth time but it has not been resolved till date. As you know that we had made a promise to enact legislation for the agricultural labourers. We are going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our independence. But even after fifty years of our independence, no legislation has been made for one third of the population of our country. It is a matter of shame for us to ignore the interests of those people who live below poverty line, most of them belong to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and minorities, who do not get work for more than 100 days in a year and who do not have sufficient food to eat and without whom we can not produce food. Though, we have made laws to protect the life of dogs, cats and other animals and to check deforestation but we have not made any law for the population of 30 crores. This is a stigma on Parliament. What is the use of such Parliament which could not provide legal protection to the poorest class of our country. This is a stigma on our society. A meeting of State Governments was also covered in this regard. Ministers of six States had opposed this law. They are supporters of Zamindars. They do not want to make a law for agricultural labourers to protect the zamindars. Today, there is law for agricultural labourers except Tripura, Kerala and some other States. Even after fifty years of independence, nothing has been done for fixation of their wages and mode of work and if their wages are not being paid, how would the dispute be settled. We have not thought ever the problems as to whether their children should go to school or not, his house should be built or not. It has also been clearly mentioned in the Common Minimum Programme but nothing has been done even after expiry of one year. I condemn it and request the Government that a Bill may be brought forward and passed in this very session for agricultural

labourers. When the entire House support it, why it is not being done. Therefore, I demand that law should be made for agricultural labourers without any delay.

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : They are the most deprived section of the society. We want to know as to whether a comprehensive legislation in regard to the agricultural workers will be brought to the House.(Interruptions) The Leader of the House is here, he should tell the House(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Paswanji, would you like to say something in this regard.

.....(Interruptions)

SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR (Chandrapur) : Mr. Chairman Sir, as many as 100 small relay-centres of Doordarshan have been installed all over the country to deliver its benefit to the people. But these centres have not started functioning so far. When we write to the concerned Ministry, we get the same reply again and again that these centres will start functioning this year, this month itself. I have written several letters in this regard but they replied that they have written to the Finance Ministry. I would like to submit that these small relay centres may be made functional as early as possible. The benefit of crores of rupees which have been spent on it, should reach the people.

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH : Mr. Chariman, Sir, on one hand, we are celebrating Golden Jubilee of our independence but on the other hand, Constitution is being violated in independent India. There are 14 languages enshrined in the Eighth Schedule of our Constitution in which Urdu is also included.

This is a serious matter that an elected representative was not sworn in on account of his speaking in Urdu in Uttar Pradesh. When Mulayam Singh Government was there in Uttar Pradesh, who is at present Defence Minister in the centre, Urdu language was encouraged in Uttar Pradesh as a result of minority communities had a ray of hope. But this Government has said that they should be sworn in on taking oath in Urdu but they were not sworn in on account of taking oath in Urdu language. Parliament is supreme. When there are 14 languages enshrined in the Constitution and every body is allowed to swear in in any language, why the same is not being done in Uttar Pradesh ? This is the biggest mockery of the Constitution and it has been done knowingly because communal forces are there and they want to give a message to the people of Uttar Pradesh that the same will be done with those who will raise voice against communal forces. An issue has been raised there in the name of Hindi and Urdu and Hindu and Muslim. I would like to submit that the Urdu is one of the languages of India. Even today work is being done in Urdu in every where in India from Punjab to

Kashmir. Therefore, it is very disgraceful to the country. A Gujaral Committee was constituted here. He had made tall promises regarding the development of Urdu. Today, Gujral Saheb is the Prime Minister of this country. Due to communal forces, two members of the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly are not being administered oath. As a result of it the people of this area are being insulted. The people who have elected them, their constitutional rights are being taken away. Therefore, I want if this right is going to be encroached, it will lead to a conspiracy aiming at disintegrating this country and if it is not stopped it will lead to adverse results.

Therefore, I request you that you instruct the government immediately to administer the oath and action is taken against the people who had worked like this so that in future it may not be repeated. If you do not instruct, the wrong message will go from here. Today, legislative assembly of Uttar Pradesh is in session. You instruct them that they should be administered oath immediately. The fear-psychosis which has engulfed the minds of the people, the communal forces should be curbed. With these words, I conclude my speech. You have given me an opportunity to speak for which I am indebted to you.....(Interruptions).

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing will go on record except what Shri Iliyas Azmi says.

.....(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : He has correctly put the matter but the two honourable members who have not taken the oath, the responsibility for that lies with the speaker, the Uttar Pradesh Government has nothing to do with it.....(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : What are you saying should be told to us, it has nothing to do with them.

.....(Interruptions)

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Sir, either in the Lok Sabha or in Legislative assembly, the oath is administered by speaker or chairperson and not by the Government. We were administered oath not by Deve Gowdajee but by Inderjit Guptajee as Speaker. Therefore, there is no responsibility of Uttar Pradesh Government (Interruptions) I accept that he should have been administered oath(Interruptions) Now, I would speak on my notice.(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Whether you have not spoken on your notice ?

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Till now, I have not spoken on the notice, now I would speak on my notice(Interruptions)

* Not recorded.